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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The **EIRB** held five meetings during this past year, and we were involved in many demanding activities. A lot of time was spent reviewing the final report of the Beaufort Sea Steering Committee and updating our Operating Procedures. Although no public reviews were conducted, the **EIRB** remained actively involved in environmental impact assessment and regulatory initiatives that resulted directly and indirectly from its public reviews.

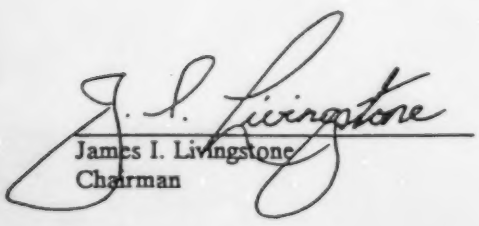
For example, the **EIRB** submitted position papers to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources, the National Energy Board, and the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office. Representatives of the **EIRB** participated in the Government of the Northwest Territories' Northern Regulatory Coordinating Committee for Major Hydrocarbon Development.

One of the founding Members of the **EIRB**, Mr. Ewan Cotterill, resigned in August. Mr. Cotterill's contribution to the formative years of the Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process was outstanding, and his involvement will be sorely missed. I would also like to thank Mr. Mel Smith, appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories, for his valuable contribution over the past three years. Mr. Smith's term is coming to an end, and he is moving on to other things.

As this will be my last *Annual Activity Report* as Chairman of the **EIRB**, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Members, our legal counsel, technical consultants, and the staff of the Joint Secretariat. Special thanks must go to our Secretary, Mr. Gary Wagner, for his dedication, cooperation and efficiency. Without all of your support, I would not have enjoyed my three year term as much as I did.

The two detailed public reviews that we conducted brought attention to deficiencies existing within the regulatory and planning framework. The **EIRB** is well placed to do this work. Our Operating Procedures have been revised to take advantage of the hard lessons we learned during the last three years. The **EIRB** has set a standard for public environmental assessment in the North that, if upheld, will allow all stakeholders an equal opportunity to air their views about proposed developments.

I am confident that I can turn the **EIRB** over to the new Chairman in excellent condition. I wish my successor, Mr. Robert Hornal, the best of luck as he assumes this important post.



James I. Livingstone
Chairman

PERIOD OF REPORT

This report describes the affairs of the **EIRB** for the fiscal period April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992.

This is the fifth Annual Activity Report of the **EIRB**, marking the Board's sixth full year of operation.

AUTHORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

The **EIRB** was established under the terms of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) between Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE), representing the Inuvialuit. The Inuvialuit Final Agreement was approved, given effect, and declared valid by the Western Arctic (Inuvialuit) Claims Settlement Act [S.C. 32 - 33 Elizabeth II, C.24.], on 28 June, 1984.

As an environmental impact assessment and review body for any development referred to it pursuant to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, the **EIRB** is structured so that both parties to the IFA are represented equally. The goals of the IFA that are directly relevant to **EIRB** operations are to ensure that the Inuvialuit are equal and meaningful participants in the Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process, and to protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment, and biological productivity.

MEMBERSHIP

The **EIRB** itself is composed of seven people. Three Permanent Members are appointed by Canada, three Permanent Members are appointed by the Inuvialuit Game Council, and a Chairman is selected by the Government of Canada with the consent of the Inuvialuit Game Council.

Professional legal counsel has been provided by the same firm since the formation of the **EIRB** in 1986. Independent expert technical advice is contracted as required.

The Secretary is the only full-time official of the **EIRB**.

During the period of this report, the following individuals comprised the **EIRB**. [The appointing body for each Permanent Member is listed in brackets.]

Membership

Chairman:	
James I. Livingstone	(appointed by Order-In-Council of the Government of Canada, with the consent of the Inuvialuit, on January 5, 1989)
Members:	
Ewan Cotterill	(Government of Canada) [resigned August 12, 1991 ~ position still vacant]
Albert Elias	(Inuvialuit Game Council)
Nelson Green	(Inuvialuit Game Council)
Calvin Pokiak	(Inuvialuit Game Council)
Mel Smith	(Government of the Northwest Territories)
Mike Stutter	(Government of Yukon)

Staff

Secretary:	
Gary Wagner	(appointed by Resolution of the Board)
Legal Counsel:	
Dr. Andrew Thompson H.C. Ritchie Clark	Ferguson Gifford, Vancouver
N.A. Morgan	Vancouver
Technical Consultants:	
William Scott	Digger Resources, Calgary, Alberta
Dr. Rolph Davis	LGL Limited, King City, Ontario
Auditors:	
Avery Cooper and Co. (CGA)	Yellowknife, NWT

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Those persons interested in obtaining a copy of the **EIRB's** current Operating Procedures, or those individuals or organizations having questions about the **EIRB**, should contact:

Secretary
Environmental Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 2120
Inuvik, Northwest Territories
CANADA
X0E 0T0

telephone:(403) 979 - 2828
facsimile:(403) 979 - 2610

ADMINISTRATION

The **EIRB** receives administrative and technical support from the **Joint Secretariat** in Inuvik. The **Joint Secretariat** also supports several other renewable resource organizations involved in joint resource management under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement:

Environmental Impact Screening Committee [EISC]

Fisheries Joint Management Committee [FJMC]

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (Northwest Territories) [WMAC(NWT)]

Inuvialuit Game Council [IGC]

- including the **Inuvialuit Harvest Study**

The Chairmen of each of the joint management bodies sit on the Board of Directors of the **Joint Secretariat.**

The **EIRB** receives full-time technical and administrative support from the **Resource Person - Environment** on staff at the **Joint Secretariat,** who is appointed to the office of **Secretary.**

ROUTINE OPERATIONS

The EIRB held five meetings during this fiscal period;

January 25, 1991	*Inuvik*
May 10-11, 1991	*Yellowknife*
July 23, 1991	*Inuvik*
October 21-22, 1991	*Whitehorse*
March 15, 1992	*Vancouver*

The EIRB was also involved, or is still involved, in the following efforts:

a. House of Commons Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources.

b. Northern Regulatory Coordinating Committee for Major Hydrocarbon Development.

c. Beaufort Sea Steering Committee.

d. National Energy Board/Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration Integration.

e. Review of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (FEARO).

f. Preparation for the Public Review of the **Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.** 1989-91 Drilling Program Update: 1990 Beaufort Sea Operations, subsequently withdrawn by the proponent.

g. Comment on the U.S. Department of the Interior *Report to Congress on the Impact of Potential Crude-Oil Spills in the Arctic Ocean on Alaskan Natives: Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Section 8302.*

h. Impact Assessment Procedural Review.

i. Preparation of the Omnibus Treasury Board Submission on IFA Implementation Funding.

j. *Examining An Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology For Possible Use In The Evaluation Of Development Proposals Before The Environmental Impact Review Board: A Proposal to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.*

k. "Globe '92" Environmental Conference.

FINANCES

Funding for the **EIRB** is accomplished through Contribution Agreements with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

The time and expenses of the Permanent Member designated by the Government of Yukon are paid for from special funds provided for that purpose. The Government of Yukon also supports a secretariat in Whitehorse that provides services similar to those supplied by the **Joint Secretariat** in Inuvik.

An unaudited summary of the finances of the **EIRB** is attached as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

Environmental Impact Review Board

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Financial Summary

These unaudited financial summaries are included for information purposes only and should not be considered as definitive statements of account. For full financial details, the audited financial statement of the Joint Secretariat should be consulted. For further information, contact the Executive Director of the Joint Secretariat, P.O. Box 2120, Inuvik, Northwest Territories, X0E 0T0.

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Review Board
Chairman Category

For the Year Ended March 31, 1992

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	**$77,700.00**
EXPENDITURE	
Honoraria	25,875.00
Per Diem	2,810.85
Travel	7,772.62
Accommodation	2,413.00
Office Costs	109.01
GST	3,735.21
Meeting Costs	1,120.95
Telephone & Fax	1,740.82
Legal	49,218.93
Consulting	222.75
Canada Member - Honoraria	1,625.00
Canada Member - Per Diem	0.00
Canada Member - Travel	0.00
Canada Member - Accommodation	0.00
TOTAL	**$96,644.14**
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**($18,944.14)**

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Screening and Review Process
Administration[1]

For the Year Ended March 31, 1992

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	**$185,000.00**
EXPENDITURE	
Office Consumables and Printing	9,277.39
Office Rent Share	15,000.00
Janitorial Services Share	2,640.00
Telephone & Fax	7,203.86
Fixed Assets	10,812.89
Lease	2,315.60
Travel & Accommodation	16,063.25
Per Diem	3,098.75
Staff Development	5,453.81
Salaries & Benefits	108,341.84
G.S.T.	1,560.30
TOTAL	**181,767.69**
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**3,232.31**

[1] Approximately fifty percent of this category was expended to support the Environmental Impact Screening Committee. Since many of the support chores are common to both the EISC and the EIRB, it is often difficult to assign an accurate administrative cost to each organization separately.

JOINT SECRETARIAT: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Environmental Impact Review Board
Inuvialuit Participation

For the Year Ended March 31, 1992

REVENUE: G.N.W.T. Contribution	**24,462.04**
EXPENDITURE	
Honoraria	5,240.40
Per Diem	3,220.00
Travel	10,490.15
Accommodation	4,213.28
Meeting Costs	810.00
G.S.T.	488.21
TOTAL	**24,462.04**
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**0.00**

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDING - DIAND

Environmental Impact Review Board
Beaufort Sea Steering Committee Participation
by request of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

For the Year Ended March 31, 1992

REVENUE: DIAND Contribution	**$30,000.00**
EXPENDITURE	
Chairman's Honoraria	1,375.00
Chairman's Per Diem	219.45
Chairman's Travel	690.22
Legal	11,876.36
Consulting	10,444.15
Canada Member (Total)	650.00
Other Members - Per Diem	2,900.00
Other Members - Travel	425.00
Other Members - Accommodation	919.82
TOTAL	**$30,000.00**
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**0.00**